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2. there was constant work being done on the roadbeds of the various railroad lines. Old tracks were being replaced in many different places.

3. Between Pleven and Sofia, many tunnels and bridges are being built of reinforced concrete. There is an iron bridge approximately 40 meters long, built on reinforced concrete piers, over the Vit River about four kilometers west of Pleven.

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4. There are 10 trains running daily from Pleven to Sofia; several spur lines are located along this route, a normal gauge line from Yasen to Somovit and a narrow gauge line from Cherveni Bryag to Oryakhovo. Ten passenger trains run daily from Pleven to Varna. Between Gorna Oryakhovitsa and Sliven, there is a spur line to the Gabrovo railroad station.

Roads

5. Three first-class roads go through Pleven:

- a. Pleven-Sofia;
- b. Pleven-Varna; and
- c. Pleven-Lovech.

These roads are nine meters wide and are open for vehicular traffic during the entire year. The center section of each road is paved with stone and the sides are graded with dirt.

6. All the major cities in Bulgaria are connected by first-class highways. These roads are important because they carry much commercial as well as passenger traffic. First-class roads are in good condition and are always kept in a state of good repair. Second-class roads are five meters wide and are paved with crushed rock.

7. There is a concrete bridge on the Pleven-Sofia highway over the Vit River. The bridge is approximately 40 meters long and six meters wide and is kept in good condition at all times.

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8. [redacted] new highways are currently being built in the Dobrich region in accordance with a plan to develop the Dobrudzha. [redacted]

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